



COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

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H.R. 2021: Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Rep. Gene Green (D-TX)

Red Tape and Bureaucratic Delays are Blocking Offshore Energy Production

- The Jobs and Energy Permitting Act would eliminate needless permitting delays that have stalled important energy production opportunities off the coast of Alaska.
- This legislation ends the permit-approval ping-pong created by EPA and its Environmental Appeals Board. This will simplify and expedite the procedure for obtaining air permits needed for exploration drilling by sending challenges directly to a federal court, a process that is consistent with other OCS areas.
- H.R. 2021 will eliminate confusion under the Clean Air Act that has delayed – sometimes for years – oil exploration in the Alaskan Outer Continental Shelf and will apply to other offshore areas as well. The bill would make four technical clarifications to the Clean Air Act:
 - It specifies that any drilling vessel must be regulated as stationary source once drilling commences.
 - It sets a 6-month deadline for final agency action on air permits for offshore exploration activities, which would stop the endless delays created by EPA.
 - It clarifies that service ships are not regulated as stationary sources. Service vessels for offshore drilling operations, comparable to delivery trucks servicing factories on land, are regulated under the Clean Air Act as mobile sources.
 - It specifies that air emission impacts are to be measured onshore. This is consistent with measurements that apply to facilities on land, measuring emissions at the point where they could impact the public.

More American Energy, More American Jobs

- Two of Alaska's Arctic seas – the Beaufort and Chukchi – are estimated to contain nearly 28 billion barrels of oil and 122 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Development of these waters could produce up to **1 million barrels of oil per day** of domestic energy.
- According to a study by the Northern Economics and the University of Alaska, **over 54,000 jobs** could be created and sustained with offshore production in Alaska.
- The energy development of Alaskan waters is critical to the sustainability of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). TAPS will be forced to permanently shut down if we do not find ways to bring more Alaskan oil online in the near future.

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